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Approval is requested for the following changes in the drawings incorporated into the accompanying formal drawings:

Figs. 12, 14, 15 and 17B are amended as shown in red ink on the enclosed photocopies.